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- DE 30 04 400 A1. No translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.

- DE 34 04 877 A1 discloses a method of making a ball stud. No translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.

- DE 43 19 076 A1 discloses a manufacturing method for producing tie rod, involves producing untempered rod and the shaping to determined diameter and further shaping into differently shaped regions. No translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.

- GB 1 584 661 discloses improvements in ball pins. The reference has been cited

under Category A as being relevant to International claims 1 - 11.

- DE 199 55 768 A1 discloses a shaft portion of ball-and-socket joint for use in cars is produced by rolling cold-forged blank, cavity being formed in head to improve its sphericity and undulating surface on the surface of chamber to improve roughness of surface of ball. The reference has been cited under Category A as being relevant to International claims 1, 3, 9 and 10. No translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.

- DE 43 40 162 A1 discloses a method of threaded or smooth rolling of sleeve or bolt shaped metal workpieces. The reference has been cited under Category A as being relevant to International claims 3 and 8. No translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.

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